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SUBJECT: POL SITUATION IN SHABA

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OCTOBER 15 MOBIL REP DUBRULE AND PETRO-ZAIRE MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION MANAGER MELLOWS, THE LATTER WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM SOUTH AFRICA, GAVE EMOFF FOLLOWING INFO CONCERNING LATEST POL SUPPLY SITUATION AND PROSPECTS FOR VITAL SHABA AREA WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR BULK ZAIRE'S MINERAL PRODUCTION. DUE TO FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN GOVT HAS ORDERED SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS TO GIVE TOP PRIORITY TO SUPPLYING SHABA POL REQUIREMENTS, PROSPECTS ARE GREATLY IMPROVED FROM SITUATION DESCRIBED REFTTEL. FIRST RAIL CARS FROM SAFRICA ARRIVED LUBUMBASHI OCT 13 AS OPPOSED TO OCT 17 OR 18 AS PREVIOUSLY EXPECTE. SAFRICAN RAILSAYS HAS MADE AN ADDITIONAL 300 RAIL CARS AVAILABLE, FOR TOTAL OF 600, FOR SHIPMENTS TO SHABA AND IS OPERATING TWO DAILY LOADING SHIFTS SIX DAYS A WEEK.

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CONSEQUENTLY BY END OF OCTOBER SHABA AREA SHOULD RECEIVE

MORE THAN ITS NORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF DIESEL FUEL AND
SHOULD BEGIN TO REBUILD STOCKS. SUPPLIES OF JET FUEL
AND GASOLINE WILL BE LESS THAN REQUIRED IN OCTOBER BUT,
WITH ADDITIONAL RAIL CARS FURNISHED BY SAFRICA, SHABA
SHOULD RECEIVE ALL NORMAL POL REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEFINITE
FUTURE BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER.
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